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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – Increased Patrols at Arden Fair Mall

(U) Sacramento police increased patrols at Arden Fair Mall yesterday after a threat was posted on social media. A post on Omegle threatened a mass shooting at the mall. Police said the person responsible for the threat was identified with help from the FBI. No arrests have been at this time. Police said there is nothing to indicate that the post was a credible threat and worked closely with Arden Fair management and security to make sure people were safe.

SOURCE: 11 April 2019, [KCRA](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Joint Operation near Border Nets \$1.5 Million Fentanyl Bust

(U) San Diego – A joint operation between US Border Patrol (US BP) and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department resulted in a 44-pound seizure of fentanyl, according to authorities. Detectives with the Sheriff's Border Crime Suppression Team, along with US BP agents, pulled over a 2004 Mitsubishi Endeavor about 2:30 p.m. as it sped west on Interstate 905 in San Diego. A K-9 unit detected the presence of drugs, and a search of the SUV found the powdered fentanyl "deeply concealed" inside, officials said. The drugs were estimated to have a street value of more than \$1.5 million.

SOURCE: 11 April 2019, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Woman Killed, Four Agents Hospitalized After Shootout

(U) Ahwatukee – A woman was killed and eight other people were taken to the hospital after a Thursday morning shootout in Ahwatukee involving federal agents. Homeland Security Investigation (HSI) agents went to serve a search warrant as part of a human smuggling investigation near 48th Street and Elliot Road. Around 9:45 a.m., the agents tried to stop a vehicle to make an arrest in the case. Police say the agents and the suspects shot at each other. Residents reported hearing at least 20 gunshots. Of five people in the suspect vehicle, police said one woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The four others suffered non-life threatening injuries and were taken to the hospital.

SOURCE: 11 April 2019, [ABC 15](#)

(U) North Carolina – FBI Investigating Ransomware Attack against City

(U) Greenville – The FBI has joined the investigation of a ransomware attack against the city of Greenville, according to officials. The city has shut down the majority of its servers for the foreseeable future. There was no word about when the systems would be back online. The compromise was discovered early on Wednesday by a member of the Greenville Police Department. Employees with the city's information technology division were contacted and they decided to shut down the system.

SOURCE: 11 April 2019, [WITN](#)

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(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Announce Annual Spring Offensive in Afghanistan**

(U) Kabul – The Taliban launched their annual spring offensive, calling on Afghan soldiers and police to abandon the government in a statement that points to further violence before peace negotiations with the US achieves substantial results. Fighting has intensified across Afghanistan in recent weeks, killing and wounding hundreds of Afghan troops and civilians, making the announcement of the Al-Fath (“Victory”) operation largely symbolic. The Afghan government launched its own offensive, dubbed Khalid, in March.

SOURCE: 11 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Democratic Republic of Congo – Troops Kill 36 Burundi Rebels

(U) Kinshasa – Congolese troops killed 36 Burundian rebels in clashes with two armed groups in the east of Democratic Republic of Congo, three Congolese soldiers were also killed, according to officials. The Congolese army mounted a series of operations between 6 - 8 April in the eastern province of South Kivu aimed at regaining territory against the Burundian rebel groups National Liberation Forces (FNL) and the Burundian Republican Forces. FNL leader general Aloyse Zabampema was reportedly seriously wounded. Several areas formerly under the control of rebels have been recovered by Congolese soldiers.

SOURCE: 12 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Lebanon – Hizballah Warns US over Sanctions against Iran and Allies

(U) Beirut – Lebanon’s Hizballah raised the prospect of retaliation by Iran and its allies over US sanctions, stating that all options were on the table were Washington D.C. to take steps that threaten their nation. Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, leader of the heavily armed Iranian-backed Shi’ite group, said the US move this week to designate Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization reflected a failure of US policy in the Middle East.

SOURCE: 11 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Pakistan – Bombing at Open-Air Market in Southwest Pakistan Kills 16

(U) Quetta – A powerful bomb went off at an open-air market in the southwestern city of Quetta on Friday, killing at least 16 people and wounding several others, police and hospital officials said. The bombing took place near a residential area where minority Shi’ite Muslims live. Authorities transported the dead and wounded to hospitals, where some of the victims were listed in critical condition. At least eight were among the dead. One paramilitary soldier and seven other people were also killed in the bombing.

SOURCE: 11 April 2019, [ABC News](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Julian Assange, WikiLeaks Founder, Faces US Hacking Conspiracy Charge

(U) London – WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was arrested Thursday to face a US charge that he conspired to hack military computers after Ecuador's government ended his seven years of self-imposed exile and expelled him from its London embassy. Police in the UK dragged Assange from the front door of the embassy Thursday morning. He now faces extradition to the US. In an indictment revealed Thursday morning, US authorities say Assange conspired with former US Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning to steal and publish troves of classified documents. Prosecutors allege that at one point Assange tried to help Manning crack a password to access military computers where the information was stored.

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